GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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UPDATION OF LAND RECORDS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the State Governments and Union Territories have updated the land records started during 1987;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reason therefore, State-wise;

(d) whether the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of updating of land records isbeing implemented without knowing the ground realities and the funds are being diverted for unauthorised purposes in different States;

(e) if so, the facts and present status thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government for updation of land records in all the States/UTs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a) to (f) - Updation of Land Records is being carried out by States/UTsfrom time to time. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Strengthening of Revenue Administration and Updating of Land Records (SRA & ULR) was startedduring 1987-88 on 50:50 sharing basis between the Centre and the State. However, Union Territories are provided 100% Central assistance. Under this Scheme, financial assistance is given for specific proposals from States/UTs for the purchase of modern survey equipments like Global Positioning System (GPS), EDM, Total Stations and Theodolites, carrying out Aerial Survey, construction of office-cum-residence of Patwaries and Training Institutes, purchase of office equipments like photocopiers, lamination machines, binding machines etc. Since inception of the scheme (1987), the Government of India has given financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 221.04 crore to States/UTs. A Statement showing State-wise position of funds released and utilised is enclosed. No specific case of diversion of funds has come to the notice of the Ministry.

During the various Conferences of Revenue Ministers/Secretaries, States/UTs have been stressed upon that Updation of land records should be carried out on a continuous basis and backlog if any, should be cleared within a stipulated time.